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Mahila Police Volunteers
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has envisaged engagement of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in States/UTs to help women in distress;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the MPVs appointed till date since implementation of the scheme, State/UT wise;
(c) the amount released and expenditure incurred in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(d) the details of powers assigned to MPVs to check crime against women along with registration process and success rate after inclusion of such volunteers since implementation of scheme; and
(e) the measures taken by the Government to create awareness and sensitisation among young women and adolescents about MPVs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) to (e) : Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs has envisaged engagement of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in States/UTs who will act as a link between police and community and help women in distress. All Chief Secretaries of States/UTs were requested to adopt this initiative in their respective States.

The Ministry has sanctioned an amount of Rs.77,51,520/- on 2nd August, 2016 to the Government of Haryana as grants-in-aid for implementation of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in two villages namely Karnal and Mohindergarh on pilot basis under Nirbhaya Fund. Similarly, an amount of Rs.75,81,600/- has been sanctioned on 21st March, 2017 to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in two districts namely Anantapur and Kadapa. As the amount has been released recently, no information regarding expenditure has been received till date.

An MPV will play the role of community police and will report any incidence of violence against women such as domestic violence, child marriage, dowry harassment and any other form of violence faced by women in public and private spaces. The Mahila Police is required to mobilize community to form Mahila and Shishu Rakshak Dals (MASRD) to act as community watch groups.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has prepared a Training module for Mahila Police Volunteers to train and orient them to act as a facilitating link between police and community and facilitate women in distress. The Ministry has also developed and released a video spot on Mahila Police Volunteer to create mass awareness.

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